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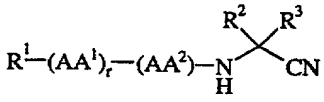

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(57) Abstract

A compound of formula (I), wherein R^1, R^2, R^3, AA^1, AA^2 and r are defined; a composition comprising a compound of formula (I) and a carrier or diluent; a compound of formula (I) for use as a medicament; the use of a compound of formula (I) in the manufacture of a medicament for use in the inhibition of a cysteine protease in a warm blooded animal; the use of a compound of formula (I) in the manufacture of a medicament for use in the treatment of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease in a warm blooded animal; and a method of treating a Cathepsin L or Cathepsin S mediated disease state in mammals which comprises administering to a mammal in need of such treatment an effective amount of a compound of formula (I).